



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Public Social Services

At its meeting held June 15, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“On June 3, 2004, the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research released a report on food insecurity and hunger in Los Angeles County. The report showed that in Los Angeles County more than one-third of all low-income adults are food insecure. The Antelope Valley has the highest percentage of low-income food insecure adults with 38.5%. This motion is designed to decrease the risk of hunger in the Antelope Valley by increasing food stamp participation to eligible families and individuals.”

Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board direct the Director of Public Social Services to:

1. Convene a special task force comprised of representatives from the Departments of Public Social Services, Community and Senior Services, community-based organizations and other agencies, to develop strategies with a specific goal of increasing food stamp participation to low-income families and individuals residing in Antelope Valley;
2. Report back to the Board within 60 days with an action plan to increase food stamp participation in the Antelope Valley within 180 days, as determined by the task force; and
3. Explore the feasibility of seeking funding from the Quality and Productivity Commission's Productivity Investment Fund to support Food Stamp outreach activities in the Antelope Valley.

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“While I acknowledge that the Antelope Valley might have the highest percentage of individuals who are ‘food insecure’ as reported by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, this report also indicates that other regions of Los Angeles County also have high numbers of residents who face similar situations.”

Therefore, an amendment was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe that Supervisor Antonovich’s motion include an acknowledgement that “food insecurity” exists in other regions of Los Angeles County, and that the task force also identify measures that can be implemented on a Countywide basis to improve food stamp utilization in not only the Antelope Valley but on a Countywide basis.

On motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), Supervisor Antonovich’s foregoing motion, as amended by Supervisor Knabe, was approved.

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